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(Also by Metropolitan John Theodorovich of Bala Cynwyd, Pa.)

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UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX
ARCHBISHOP MSTITSLAV
CANAL ROAD P.O. BOX 376
SOUTH BOUND BROOK, N.J.

OUR EPISCOPATE COUNCIL HAS THE INFORMATION THAT YOUR UKRAINIAN
ORTHODOX BISHOPS ARE DEALING ~~WITH~~ NOW WITH SOME AGENTS OF THE UNFROCKED
PRIESTS JOHN TRUTZA OF CLEVELAND TO ORDAIN BISHOP ANTICANONICALLY A
NAZI COLLABORATOR MORALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDERER OF THOUSANDS OF
ROMANIAN JEWS IN BUCHAREST ROMANIA ON THE 21-23 JANUARY 1941 REVOLUTION.
OUR EPISCOPATE IN AMERICA HAS A CANONICAL ~~MINISTRY~~ ORDAINED BISHOP ONLY.
REBEL FRACTION IS TRYING TO BREAK UP OUR CHURCH UNITY. ALL THE ORTHODOX
BISHOPS GREEKS SYRIANS RUSSIANS SERBIANS AND BULGARIANS DID REFUSE TO
INTERFERE IN OUR BISHOP JURISDICTION AND TO COMMIT SUCH A SHAMELESS
ACT OF SIMONY TO SELL THE HOLY SPIRIT TO A MAN PROCLAIMED OVER THE RADIO
BY WALTER WINCHELL A MURDERER. BY THIS ~~WAY~~ WAY WE ARE ASKING YOU NOT TO
INTERFERE IN OUR EPISCOPATE JURISDICTION. ANY ORTHODOX BISHOP WHO WOULD
ORDAIN VIOREL TREFA OR ANYBODY ELSE AS A ROMANIAN BISHOP IN AMERICA WOULD
BE TRIED BY OUR ROMANIAN HOLY SYNOD ALSO DEPOSED AND EXCOMMUNICATED
ASKING ALL THE OTHERS ORTHODOX PATRIARCHATES TO RATIFY SUCH A SENTENCE.
LETTER WITH MORE EXPLANATION FOLLOWS IN A SHORT TIME.

THE ROMANIAN ORTHODOX EPISCOPATE COUNCIL

VERY REV. FR. SIMON MIHALIAN VICAR VERY REV. FR. PETRU MEGA SECRETARY

Dear Gloria; the above was copied from the Western Union Telegram.
I believe that I will be able to copy the letter promised by the above
gentlemen, or perhaps will send it to you with request that it be re-
turned promptly.